



AFOTEC change of command

Photo by Dennis Carlson

Gen. Robert H. Fogelsong, Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, presents the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation command to Maj. Gen. Felix Dupré in a ceremony here Wednesday. Dupré comes to the command from Paris, France, where he was the U.S. Defense attaché. He replaces Maj. Gen. William A. "Ken" Peck Jr., who is retiring from the Air Force after more than 30 years service to his country.

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Mandatory emergency data cards on Web

The Virtual Record of Emergency Data, or vRED, provides the Air Force with information needed to contact family members if an Airman suffers a serious illness or injury, or dies.

The vRED replaces DD Form 93, "Record of Emergency Data," and must be kept updated. The only place to update emergency data is at the Virtual Military Personnel Flight online.

Accurate, current family contact information can prevent delays of medical, casualty and death benefits. It also avoids hours or days of uncertainty when casualty teams are left to track down next of kin.

According to base military personnel officials, completion of the vRED is mandatory for all active duty, guard and reserve members in the Air Force.

In a recent policy letter, Col. Kathleen D. Close, 377th Air Base Wing commander wrote, "As the vRED is a crucial element of the Air Force's Casualty Program and, in light of recent real world events, it is imperative that emergency contact information and beneficiary designations contained in the vRED of each of our members be accurate and up to date at all times.

"It is with this intent that I am directing mandatory initial vRED completion for all Kirtland AFB assigned military personnel," she continued. "The vRED will be accomplished by all assigned personnel..." by March 31.

At www.afpc.randolph.af.mil, select the "vMPF" logo at the top of the page.

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New users must establish an account. Once an account is established, click on "individual actions," then on "Record of Emergency Data."

For more information about the vMPF, call the Air Force Contact Center at 866-229-7074 or Military Personnel Flight customer service, 853-5459.

Military Personnel, Comptroller, Legal Office change service hours

Starting March 3, the Military Personnel Flight and 377th Comptroller Squadron weekday hours change to 8 a.m.-2 p.m. because of deployment commitments.

Other organizations in the Consolidated Support Building are not changing.

The Legal Office, which changed service hours Feb. 18,

will assist active duty members and their families on a walk-in basis 8-9 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays. They will see retired military members and their families by appointment.

Retirees and their families can call 846-4217.

Notary or Power of Attorney is still available 8-10:30 a.m. weekdays.

WEATHER

TODAY
High 49
Low 30

TOMORROW
High 48
Low 29

SUNDAY
High 51
Low 31

Force Protection Condition BRAVO

Straight Talk
853-4636

Emergency SNOW Line
853-7669

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